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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### METAL TRADE.

LONDON, December 17.  
The Minister of Munitions has suspended the various orders prohibiting dealings in, and the use in manufacture of, copper, spelter, lead, tin, and chrome ore.

### ELECTION RESULTS.

LONDON, December 17.  
Oxford University election results: Lord Hugh Cecil 2,071.

Rt. Hon. R. E. Prothero, 2,540.  
Both are Coalition Unionists.  
Professor Gilbert Murray (Liberal) received 812 votes and Mr. Furnish, the Labour candidate, 351. (Two seats.)

### AUSTRALIAN CELEBRATIONS.

### FLEET INVITED.

LONDON, December 17.  
From Melbourne comes the report that the Peace Celebrations in the Commonwealth will include three public holidays.

The Imperial Government is being asked to arrange that a fleet consisting of British, Allied and captured warships shall visit Australia to participate in the celebrations.

### PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

LONDON, December 17.  
Sydney reports that a proportional representation Bill for the next State Elections has passed both House of the Legislature.

### NEW ZEALAND.

LONDON, December 17.  
From Wellington, New Zealand comes news that the House of Representatives decided by a majority of one to make six o'clock the closing hour for hotels permanently.

### PORTUGAL.

LONDON, December 17.  
Lisbon reports that the Cabinet has resigned. The country remains quiet.

### SERBIA.

LONDON, December 17.  
A message from Belgrade says the first Ministry of Slovenes, Croats, and Serbians, representing all parties, has been formed under the Premiership of M. Pashitch.

### SMYRNA BOMBARDED.

LONDON, December 17.  
According to Constantinople advice, the position in Smyrna is that the Turks, who have been supplied with arms by the Young Turks Committee, have fortified themselves outside the town. The Allied fleets are bombarding these fortifications.

### STILL ANOTHER REPUBLIC.

LONDON, December 17.  
There is a strong movement by the Greeks of the Black Sea in favour of the establishment of the republic of Pontus, with Trebizond as the capital.

### GERMAN AFFAIRS.

### SOCIALIST PROGRESS.

LONDON, December 17.  
Copenhagen reports that the National Assembly elections for Anhalt and Mecklenburg show narrow Socialist majorities over the non-Socialists.

A Berlin message reports that at the Soviet Congress, Herr Dittmann announced that Dr. Solf had resigned. The Government had requested him to continue until a successor had been appointed. The Independent Socialists have now decided to support the elections of the National Assembly. This is a great defeat for the Spartacist party.

### THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, December 21.  
The Silver Market is still quiet.  
LONDON, December 20.  
The Silver Market is steady.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### SHOULD GERMAN ARMY DEMOBILIZE?

### A FRENCH SUGGESTION.

PARIS, December 18th.  
A Havas message says:—  
In the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, replying to an interpellation as to the question of any Armistice stipulation regarding the demobilization of the German Army, the Under-Secretary for War answered that the guarantees provided by the Armistice were considered adequate by the High Command.  
The question was purely military, affecting all the Allies.  
The adjournment of the interpellation was voted by 310 to 175.

### THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

PARIS, December 18th.  
A Havas message says:—  
A semi-official Note issued in Paris yesterday, states that the Peace Conference will undoubtedly begin on January 1st.  
PORTNIGHT'S POSTPONEMENT?  
BRUSSELS, December 17th.  
It is anticipated that the Peace Conference will not assemble before January 15th. The Permanent Commissions, in connection with the Peace Conference, will sit here.

### PRESIDENT WILSON.

A VISIT FROM MARSHAL FOCH.  
PARIS, December 18th.  
A Havas message says:—  
Marshal Foch called on President Wilson yesterday afternoon. President Wilson expressed the hope that Marshal Foch would be able to visit the United States.

### BIG RECEPTION IN PARIS.

PARIS, December 18th.  
A Havas message says:—  
After a dinner in honour of President Wilson at the American Embassy, there was a reception of 400 guests representative of political, military, naval, and intellectual Paris. Foreign Ambassadors, the Archbishop of Paris, Admiral Trumh, a Jugo-Slav leader, and a number of American professors.

### SOVIET CONGRESS.

A CAPITALIST REPUBLIC.  
CORNHARST, December 17th.  
There were stormy scenes at the Imperial Congress of the Soviets.  
Herr Liebknecht declared that Germany was at present a capitalist republic. He urged the extension of the hand of brotherhood to the "Russian Bolshevik Brothers."  
There were cheers and protests, followed by an uproar.  
The Chairman was shouted down and members shouted abuse and threats to each other.

### SOUVENIR HELMETS.

PARIS, December 18th.  
A Havas message says:—  
M. Clemenceau has issued a decree providing that every officer and soldier in the combatant units of the French Army shall be given a helmet as a souvenir of his services, inscribed with the man's name and rank.

### FRENCH SUGAR SUPPLY.

PARIS, December 18th.  
A Havas message says:—  
The sugar allowance in France will be shortly increased to one and a half pounds monthly.

## HON. MR. A. M. THOMSON.

The following correspondence between the departing Treasurer and the Chamber of Commerce took place:—

Hongkong, 14th Dec., 1918.  
Sir,—On your retirement from the office of Treasurer of this Colony, which you have filled with such conspicuous ability and tact for so many years, the Committee and Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce desire to express to you their grateful appreciation of willing assistance rendered to the Commercial Community on so many occasions and their sincerest wishes for good health and prosperity in your well-earned retirement.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
(Sgd.) P. H. HOLYOAK,  
Chairman.

The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson,  
Colonial Treasurer,  
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1918.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I have the honour to request you to be so good as to transmit to the Committee and Members of the Chamber of Commerce my best thanks for the expression of their appreciation of my services in Hongkong, and to inform them that I value this unprecedented compliment at a very high degree.

It will be a matter of perpetual satisfaction to me to remember that the Commercial Community and myself have been on good terms throughout my entire career as a public servant.

With my best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Colony, I remain, yours very truly,  
(Sgd.) A. M. Thomson

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak,  
Chairman,  
Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

## NEWS FROM HOME.

(From our own correspondent)

London, November 1.

### THE DAWN OF PEACE.

This has been an amazing week, and perhaps the most striking thing about it has been the calmness of the people, the sudden apparition of Peace. Four years of suffering have brought us to a point where we are sure, and so to-day, though the dawn is full on the eastern front, we wait for its development on the Western front before giving vent to loud expressions of enthusiasm.

Perhaps even then there will be moderated transports, for every home has been stricken, and the predominant feeling will be expressed better by a sign of relief than by manifesting. Moreover, the youth and high spirits are at the front, and we older men can hardly touch their level of explosive demonstrations. Still, there are odd bottles under scrutiny for "the Day"—the day when peace is declared.

### FAITH AND EFFICIENCY.

The rapidly changing situation is a terrible panorama for those who, like the Hohenzollerns, have pinned their faith to mere brute strength as the arbiter of international affairs. But to those who believe in the faith of freedom combined with the strength of efficiency, these are glorious days. Most of all does the world owe to the British Navy, which bottled the Germans from the word "Go." And though we gladly hand laurels to the present Army and its new and old Allies, it was the Old Contemptibles who really broke the ambitions of the Hohenzollerns. "Your Majesty" von Moltke is said to have reported to the Kaiser "the Battle of the Marne is lost—and so is the war." The authority for that is Maximilian Harden, the German publicist who now comes into his own again after four years of autocratic censorship.

By the time this reaches you the die will doubtless have been cast, but at the time of writing the Prussian Junkers are stubborn. They will intrigue and stage-play as long as the German army counts to be used as cannon-fodder. Not until they break at the front will the Junkers give up their domination. If peace is therefore actually sure by the time you read these lines, you may be sure that the worst element has been removed from European life—the spirit of Prussian militarism, and the caste of the North German tyrant.

### PROBLEMS OF VICTORY.

Now confronted with problems no less grave than those of war. We have to return millions of men and women from war service to civil life, with a minimum of chaos and as little as may be of social upheaval. The war has brought higher wages at home, and a higher standard of living for thousands. They will not give these things up willingly—perhaps not at all. Economic pressure will continue for years, and for the next two years very likely we shall be rationed for many foods, in view of the loads on shipping and the world-famine of raw materials for industry that must be brought to manufacturing centres.

What is to be done with our war women? How can the housing shortage be met? Are the men to go back to their jobs and displace the women who have done their work? Will there be a flood of emigration to the overseas dominions and America? If so, how can it be regulated? These are a few of the questions that are engaging the attention of the statesmen.

Then as to the men abroad—how they shall be demobilized and aided to resume civil occupations, how they shall be trained if maimed, what will be the position of those who have won distinction in the field superior to that of their former employers—the problems are innumerable and complex. They will demand the most delicate handling to avoid friction. Fortunately, the questions of demobilization and pensions are in most sympathetic hands. Already measures are afoot for paying the men off when the time comes, and squaring their accounts with the State. In many cases the sinking of ships during the war has caused pay sheets and accounts to be lost, with resulting confusion to the ledgers in the Pay Department, but a system has been devised to make a clearance of all these cases and to each man a statement of accounts has been sent. With a request to accept the shown figures as correct, and at this moment only five per cent. of the men of all the army that has served on sea fronts in many parts of the world, remain to be heard from in acceptance.  
(Continued on Page 10.)

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the registered office of the above Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of December, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the unjoined resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 11th day of December 1918 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

(1) That it is desirable to reconstruct this Company, and accordingly, that this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Hugh Frank Campbell of St. George's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, Merchant, be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up at a remuneration of one hundred dollars.

(2) That the General Managers of this Company, be authorized and requested to form and procure to be incorporated, a new Company to be called "The China Light & Power Company (1918) Ltd." (of which they shall be appointed by Agreement General Managers) with the objects (inter alia) of acquiring the undertaking, business, goodwill, machinery plant, book-debts and all other assets whatsoever of this Company, and of carrying on business in or near Kowloon and/or elsewhere if thought desirable with Messrs. Shawan, Tomes & Co. Hongkong, and their successors in business as General Managers so long as the General Managers for the time being (if a corporation) or (if an unincorporated firm) any one or more partner or partners in the firm of the General Managers individually or collectively shall hold not less than one thousand shares of the Company.

(3) That the proposed Memorandum and Articles of such new Company submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby approved and that the Liquidator be authorized to consent to the registration of such new Company with such Memorandum and Articles accordingly.

(4) That the draft Agreement submitted to this Meeting (marked "A") and expressed to be made between this Company and the Liquidator of the one part and The China Light & Power Company (1918) Ltd. of the other part be approved; and that the Liquidator be authorized pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, to enter into an Agreement with such new Company (when incorporated) in the terms of the said draft and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as he with the approval of the General Managers of the new Company thinks fit.

(5) That the Liquidator be authorized to obtain advances from the General Managers of any monies requisite upon such terms as he thinks fit.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1918.

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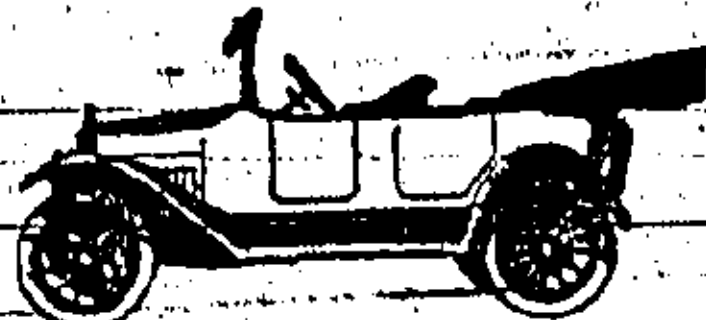
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**PASSAGES HOME.**

In the "Gazette" extraordinary giving the full correspondence between the Governor of Singapore and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the matter of the conditions in the Civil Service. His Excellency estimates that the concession as regards passages would cost the Colony \$6,000 per year and the F.M.S. about \$19,400, or possibly in actual working a little less.

**FORMER HONGKONG EDITOR.**

Major R. Douglas, Story has been appointed by the Shipping Controller, United Kingdom, to act as his agent in India, vice Lieut.-Col. Thompson, resigned. Major Story was the first editor of the "South China Morning Post," which he left to represent various syndicated newspapers in the Russo-Japanese war.

**CIGARETTE CURE FOR INFLUENZA.**

A somewhat novel cure for the prevailing influenza epidemic has been put on the market, says a Calcutta paper by the East India Cigarette and Tobacco Manufacturing Co. It is a special cigarette prepared under medical supervision at the Dain-Dum Factory of the Company. The cigarette, while having a flavour of chemicals, is said to be by no means unpleasant to the smoker. The firm claims that it is a certain cure and that ladies and even children can be given them without danger of becoming confirmed smokers.

**PEACE NEWS IN CEYLON.**

In remarks at a meeting of the Ceylon Legislative Council, the Governor said: "I cannot let the occasion pass without referring to the part borne by Ceylon in taking upon herself some of the burdens of the war. It will be for ever her proud memory that she was privileged to send of the best of her manhood to take their stand in the fighting line for freedom, liberty and justice, that from the planning community alone over 1,000 men have gone forth to the fight, that from all ranks of her people there have been volunteers, willing and eager to serve at the various battle fronts, who have earned high praise by their constant good service. She has provided for her own defence from hostile aggression, enabling the regular troops of the Imperial Army to be utilized elsewhere. Besides all this large sum of money have been raised in aid of the various war efforts."

**VICTORY STAMPS.**

It will interest philatelists to note that on Monday, the 2nd instant, the Postal Authorities issued stamps of various denominations inscribed "Wan Chai," "The Day of Victory" in Siam, characters, which should prove to be in great demand, says the "Bangkok Daily Mail."

**TRIBUTE TO SIR C. SPRING-RICE.**

Mr. J. P. Morgan, the American financier, in a letter to Lady Spring-Rice, states that a large number of American friends of Sir Cecil, desiring to show their appreciation of the magnificent work done by him as British Ambassador, have collected a fund to be known as the Cecil Spring-Rice Memorial Fund. "It is," writes Mr. Morgan, "the desire of the donors that the income from the fund should be paid to you during your life, and to the two children in equal shares until they are 35 years old, thus providing for their education and maintenance until they are able to support themselves. The fund will eventually be transferred to Balliol College, Oxford, as the Cecil Spring-Rice Memorial Fund, the income of which will be used by Balliol for travelling scholarships for young men entering the diplomatic service who have to acquire the necessary foreign languages for that career, thus making a permanent memorial to Sir Cecil's great work."

**MANILA EDITOR'S TROUBLES.**

The Acting Governor of the Philippines has not revoked Governor Harrison's order deporting Mr. Dick, the editor, but adjourned it. He said in part: "Considering all the premises, and particularly in view of the two material misunderstandings mentioned, it can not violate the proprieties of my position to continue the order of deportation for its reconsideration by the Governor-General on his return to Manila at the close of his leave of absence. I trust that by that time this matter may be considered by all parties concerned in a calm and settled frame of mind. Thus it may be probable that when such time for ultimate decision comes Mr. Dick's act, seen in perspective, will not bulk so large or serious as it appeared at the time, and that with the war behind us and all the world at peace, it may be viewed from a more charitable standpoint, and that his enforced separation from his occupation and property and an indelible stain upon his name and reputation may in some wise and kindly way be averted. It is therefore directed that the order to deport Mr. McCulloch Dick be again temporarily suspended until July 1st, next, on which the return of Governor-General Harrison to Manila will be further action thereon at that time. From the nature of the case a more fully satisfactory remedy will not be required."

**A "ROTTEN" LETTER.**

The following letter addressed to the manager of a rubber estate is another instance of our best local English, says "The British North-Borneo Herald": "I am the honour to inform you that my certificate from you it was rotten, I therefore much oblige that to asking you another new one. Certificate out from 30-4-17. Hoping this my letter will meet with your favourable and kindly excuse for troubling you and render. Reply immediately."

Your Obedient Servant.

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**GERMAN MINES IN EASTERN  
WATERS.**

A Bangkok notification states that it has been ascertained from German Charts that in the area 4.114 N. 105 17 E. and 3.25 N. 100 E., mines 110 in number were laid early in September, 1917. Ships have however crossed this area with safety since that date.

Ships approaching or leaving Singapore should keep to the following track: From Horsburgh Light to a point twenty-three miles due East true of it, thence to a position one degree fifty minutes North one hundred and five degrees fifteen minutes East, then to a position five degrees North one hundred and five degrees fifteen minutes East. It is also evident from German charts that a number of mines remain to be swept up off Bombay and Colombo, but the full information which has been obtained shows that no alteration is required in the present swept channels of which information will be given by the port authorities.

**THE LATE SIR EDWARD FRY.**

Sir Edward Fry, ex-judge, who died in his ninety-first year, became a barrister as long ago as 1854, and took silk nearly 50 years ago. Appointed a Judge of the High Court in 1877, Sir Edward retired from the bench in 1892, being then a Lord Justice of Appeal. Since then he has performed public services of highest importance as president of commissions and as arbitrator. His last appearance in this capacity was in 1909, on the Casa Blanca dispute between France and Germany. He was chairman of the important Court of Arbitration which decided the terms upon which the metropolitan water companies' undertakings were handed over to the Water Board. The judges, which justified this well-earned title of "Great Pacificator," were frequently called upon in trade disputes. Sir Edward devoted much of his energies to the cause of international peace, and was for long a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague. In spite of his multifarious duties he found time to become a man of letters, and his book on "British Affairs" remains a standard work.

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**MONDAY,**  
the 23rd December, 1918, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.  
A number of lots of embroidered black net, Grosgrain, Voile, and Muslin laces, Insertions, etc., etc.  
Terms—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
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Hongkong, December 19th, 1918.

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**TUESDAY,**  
the 24th December, 1918, at 12 Noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8 Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.  
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(All new goods and small lots to suit purchasers).  
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Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1918.

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the 31st December, 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.  
**TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-MOUNTED "DOUBLE" AND TWIN BEDSTEADES, CURTAINS, CARPETS, etc., etc.,**  
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Also  
One 12 Bore Hammer Gun by Army and Navy Store, London, in good condition, Lady's Bicycle (new).  
And  
Large Ice Chest suitable for Hotel.  
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On view day of sale.  
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Hongkong, 16th December, 1918.

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,**  
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Terms of Sale:—As detailed in the Catalogues.  
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Hongkong, 18th December, 1918.

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Also  
One large galvanized Iron Building (wood framing).  
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(Full Particulars from Catalogue).  
Date of Sale will be published later.  
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Hongkong, December 11th, 1918.

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HE missed the train through putting off to the last minute. Don't you miss the War Bond Drawing through the same cause.

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**PRONUNCIATION OF YPRES.**

**QUEEN'S PRECISION MIS-TAKEN FOR HICCOUGH?**

Queen Mary is very precise in giving the correct pronunciation to the names of towns in the war zone in France and insists upon others doing the same. No matter whether the Queen is listening to a General at the head of an army corps or to a wounded Tommy in the hospital, she interpolated her corrections automatically when the name of a town is pronounced incorrectly.

The following story was told recently by a British staff officer, who said it was related by the Duke of Connaught in the officers mess at Alderhot.

The Queen spends much time visiting wounded men in the hospital and likes to hear their experiences. There was a sergeant in one of the guard regiments who was severely wounded near Ypres and had received the Victoria Cross for his bravery. The Queen heard about him, and on her next visit to the hospital she sat by his bedside and asked him to tell her all the details. "Well, your Majesty," he began, "it was just like this. We were at Wipers. "Rep" interrupted the Queen, "and got orders to march out and check the advance of the enemy. After we left Wipers. "Rep" said the Queen, again, and every time he mentioned the name of the old Flemish city she corrected him without it having any effect on the Sergeant, who called it "Wipers" every time.

Next day the Duke of Connaught said he had to call at the hospital, and asked the sergeant what he thought of Queen Mary after his long talk with her. "The Queen is a noble woman, Sir," he replied, "but what a pity she hiccoughs so."

**UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.**

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 20th December, 1918:—

From  
New York.....Retransmitted from Shanghai, George Stoll, Hongkong Hotel.  
Shanghai.....Tongtsack, Yungfat-chong, West Point.  
Shanghai.....Changveran, No. 11 China Wine Shop.  
Wabuka.....Tschichoka, 60 Kaitogai.  
Nagasaki.....Chen Wokee.  
Shanghai.....Tungson.  
Shanghai.....No. 151 Wanchayton.  
Shanghai.....Shenstai.  
Shanghai.....Leenu Meelan Street.  
Shanghai.....Chongchikman Leeno, 23.  
Nagasaki.....Yipwipo, 3rd Floor, 39 Des Vaux Road, Ott.  
Kobe.....Leuyamshin Kankee.  
Shanghai.....Kwongcheangang.  
Osaka.....Shunshing.  
Tokyo.....Kanyachi Matsubara.  
Shanghai.....Sagoushan Tarpinlee.  
Shanghai.....Douglas Laprak & Co.  
Kobe.....Zeungzeung.  
Shanghai.....Layneking.  
Shanghai.....Leechongwing, China Mail.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E-E-Telegraph Office at Hongkong, 19th December, 1918:—

Addresses From  
Ashang.....Oskosh Wis.  
Bena.....Singapore.  
Borovsky.....Haiphong.  
Horace Clark, Amer.  
can Consul.....Sydney.  
Jay Zeenas c/o Ameri-  
can Consul.....New York.  
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chirjomaru.....Keelung.  
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Salon (two).....Sydney.

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General Managers.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1918.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 1918.

### MISSIONARY PSYCHOLOGY.

THE missionary question we have always with us. A Shanghai Review has given it timely interest by starting a competition for essays on "Results of the War upon Missionary Work in China." Thirty manuscripts were submitted. One of them, by a Y.M.C.A. worker in Peking, is printed in the last number of the Review to hand. It inspires the simple comments which follow.

There are various ways of regarding missionary work in China. There is the way of the cheap and easy job. There is the sympathetic but pessimistic view. Among others, there is the journalistic. That is ours. A title like the one quoted promised matter of interest. It is to be understood as a journalistic opinion when we say that the article by Mr. John L. Childs is disappointing. It is well written. It contains admirable sentiments. But it is short on facts. To paraphrase a vulgar saying commonly used in newspaper offices, it has no bowels. The process of "boiling down" would leave no residuum.

What were the effects of the war on mission work in China? The writer does not tell us, although he has much to say of possible effects to be made apparent in the future. It is gratifying to learn that the majority of the missionaries "take President Wilson's declarations at face value". It is boring to be told that the League of Nations, if established, with its devotion to the rights of small or weak nations, will affect Christian work. Surely it would be Christian work. And it would be a test of sincerity if (as he forecasts) "there will be much less contradiction between the spirit of the Western nations as expressed through their missionary representatives and the spirit which shall guide in the political contacts of these same countries". The business man, the practically-minded man, the journalist, will not quarrel with that; but it will leave him cold. He wants facts.

How did the war affect the attitude of the Chinese toward the missionaries? Is it true that the Chinese regarded the war as a quarrel between European tribes and their own interest in it based merely on their probable treatment by the winning tribe? Is it true that they regarded the Western man's apparent devotion to force, either aggressive or defensive, as inconsistent with his ostensible devotion to the Prince of Peace and the Teacher of Non-resistance? Did they perceive and believe in the element of altruism in the effort of the Allies? Did they rally round the missionary, or fall away from him?

It is the plain man's conviction that in pre-war time missionary reports of progress were often too optimistic. This would be a pity. Yet is it not the missionary's own fault? Does not missionary psychology tend too much to pronounce "in the air", to platitudes, to the sort of talk which such men dismiss with a barely concealed shrug?

Mr. Childs thinks we have "about reached" that stage where we must look upon the world as a unit. Surely every true Christian must have done! Perhaps he has in mind the quotation he himself makes elsewhere, that "the real question is not whether Western civilization will conquer the Orient, but whether Christianity will conquer Western civilization." Here especially the "sympathetic but pessimistic" attitude is likely to be that of the average man. He will (more's the pity) have less hope of that than of a true union and co-operation of the churches.

Many of us are ready, willing, even anxious, to see the good work progress, and to see love out hate on the prevailing passion of humanity. We are with the missionaries if they are with us. But they have got to show us. They must amend their manner. They must know what they say, and realize what they mean, and mean all they say. For instance, Mr. Childs

says that "if the church is to be true to its Leader and Founder without hesitation [and without intellectual cowardice] it ought to identify itself with the working people in their demand for a fairer share of the fruits of their labour." He is supposed to be writing about China, but when he said that, he probably had in mind only the white worker. Why? If the world is to be regarded as a unit! Yet who is going to urge, manfully, that the coolie should have a fairer share of the fruits of his labour? Cheap Chinese labour is a foundational element of business. President Wilson, that most conspicuous idealist, is being pressed by one section of his people, against the strong prejudice of the other, to admit Chinese labour because it is cheap and good. The problem of the humble coolie getting a fair share of all he produces will not have presented itself to him. Nor, it is to be supposed, to others.

The need to-day is for clear ideas and plain words, not about what might or ought to be, but about what we can do, what we are willing to do, and what we really mean to do. All else at such a turning point in history seems, journalistically speaking, a waste of time.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Dockyard murder case is adjourned till January 8 at 10 a.m. and no jurors need attend next Monday.

To-day's communicable disease report mentions one Chinese case of smallpox and one of enteric fever.

The Government Gazette issued to-day states the king has not been advised to veto the Malay States Extension Ordinance or military force for service out of the Colony.

Local dealers have made a further rise of tobacco prices. A very rich man said this morning: with the money I have left after buying my tobacco, I must try to pay my hotel bill.

The American Consul General has received information from Washington to the effect that the import restrictions on shelled walnuts entering the United States have been removed.

The Shanghai Race Club intends to hold a new year race meeting on the 1st and 2nd January. The *Mercury*, says "There is to be no charge for admission. The total proceeds will be donated to the Siberian Comforts Fund." The outlook for the Fund does not seem promising at first sight.

February 6, 1919, will be the 100th anniversary of the day upon which Sir Stamford Raffles signed the Treaty with His Highness Sultan Hussein Muhammad Shah and Dato Temenggong Sri Maharajah Abdul Rahman as a result of which the present British Settlement of Singapore has come into existence.

The net profit of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for the last term was ¥2,883,411, and the management has decided to pay a dividend of 60 per cent. (10 per cent. ordinary and 50 per cent. extra), which is an increase of 10 per cent. over the preceding term.

The Astor House Hotel, where the food is always good, is making ready for its special Christmas feasting. Booking has all ready begun. An additional attraction will be tea and other refreshments in the newly opened lounge.

The Rockefeller Foundation offered to make a survey for hookworm (the "lary" disease of southern America) in any country where the government would co-operate. Queensland took it up, with the result that 2,100 out of 15,000 were found to be infected. Children suffer most.

The sugar market in Japan recently suffered a reaction after a continued advance, owing to the report that the Sugar Trust of Java had collapsed. The Trust is still operating, and is committed to a decision not to dissolve before three months after the definite conclusion of peace. The erroneous report regarding the collapse of the Java Sugar Trust is probably due to the fact that the contemplated formation of an Export Association has failed to materialize.

Last night a fine exhibition of billiards was given in the Palace Hotel Handicap by Mr. E. Guimaraes. The game was between Mr. W. G. Gerrard (over 130) and E. Guimaraes (over 130). Guimaraes went away from the start and playing with great confidence completed breaks of 31-68-88 and drew ahead with a good lead. Towards the end of the game he put on a beautiful break of 56, breaking down at a rather difficult shot. This is the highest break in the handicap as yet. Capt. Green's 57 being the previous best. Gerrard could not get going and was left far behind. He scored 82.

### CHINESE NEWS.

We have received from the Canton Intelligence Bureau the following for publication:

TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM PEKING.  
Messrs. Tien Chuan-huay, Wu Ting-fang, Lin Fao-yi, and Sun Wen, Canton. Your telegram of 11th inst. to the President was received. Shensi has been infested by bandits for years. The pillages and robberies committed by their leaders Lao Chin-wang, Fan Lao-yi, Quo Kien, etc., are well known to everybody. As recent reports state that they have even occupied several towns and villages, the Central Government is sending troops commanded by Commanders Hsin and Chang to suppress them. It is an unaccountable fact that Fokien is a bandit territory and there are bandits in the localities in which the troops of both sides are stationed. The reason that we sent Commander Wang Yang-chuen's brigade to Fokien is to assist the Fokien troops for the purpose of clearing the towns and villages from bandits while no instruction has been given for war.

The spreading of bandit troubles in the present years is not only detrimental to the interests of our people but we have also more than once received complaints from foreigners concerning the same. Whether or not these lawless people who are seizing properties and killing innocent inhabitants should be treated as outlaws and be punished at once is evidenced by the will of the people and the opinion of friendly nations. If we are to let these bandits alone just because peace is anxiously desired, it is the same as sitting down and watching unconcernedly the destruction of the two Provinces. Now you say that we are on the surface declaring peace while secretly we are preparing for war just because the suppression of robbers gives a sudden obstruction to peace. What would you gentlemen do if you were in our position?

Furthermore, we just received a report from Fokien that the troops under the command of Chan Chiung-ming have already entered Yung-tai and they are still advancing. The Central Government is unwilling to approach you on account of the opposition of a small section for we sincerely hope that if the Conference can be opened at a fixed period all these differences and disturbances will consequently disappear.

The Central Government has repeatedly given orders for the suspension of hostilities and the withdrawal of troops. Now it has already appointed representatives who are anxiously waiting for the opening of the Conference. Is it not one of the true manifestations that we are anxious for Peace? Should it not be realized by you gentlemen, we have only to lay it before the impartial judgements of the people and the friendly nations? Who shall bear the responsibility for the delay in the settlement of the internal affairs thus putting the two provinces of Shensi and Fokien in a helpless condition? As a whole, the danger of our country is imminent. There is no other method to save her than the hastening of peace. We hope that you will sweep aside obstructions and show your sincerity by open discussions at a fixed period. The future welfare of our country depends upon it.

CHIEN NENG-HSIAN.

### A NEW HOTEL FOR CANTON.

New Year's Day will witness the opening of a new hotel in Canton which will eclipse any of the hotels Canton has ever known. The hotel, which will be known as the Great Eastern Hotel, is the property of the Wing On Company of Hongkong. It will be run on European lines, fitted with every modern convenience and up-to-date sanitary arrangement. Standing in its own grounds (the land also being the property of the Wing On Company) the hotel is surrounded by a beautiful garden. The hotel has a billiard room, an up-to-date bar and lounge. It will be open to Europeans and Chinese. Such a modern hotel as this Great Eastern has long been wanted in Canton and we assure it will meet with the success it deserves. In the near future the Wing On Company will open a branch of their Hongkong Store in Canton.

### DUTIABLE TOBACCO.

In the tobacco case, in which Wong Kat Fong's shop was alleged to have a big lot of cigarettes and tobacco on which duty had not been paid, the Revenue Officer said it was stored in a stock.

Mr. S. M. Mayes, of the British-American Tobacco Company, reported that all tobacco issued by his firm was duly paid. Six hundred dollars worth had been sold to the defendant only the day before he was summoned.

Adjourned till Tuesday.

### WHOOPIING COUGH.

WHEN your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and it contains no narcotics or other injurious substances. It is perfectly safe for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

### THE MAGISTRACY. FAILED TO REPORT.

Before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, Chan Luk was charged with not presenting his conviction licence to the Police. He was out on ticket-of-leave from a seven year sentence for armed robbery.

### TOO MUCH DRINK.

Jonathan Baker, a seaman who was in the House of Detention and failed to go back, said he had got a job as "second mate." "There is too much drink flying round here and I want to get home," he said.

### AMMUNITION.

A Chinese passenger from Australia on the *Nikko Maru* brought 84 rifle cartridges in his box. He had sold the rifle in Australia.

### DUMPING RUBBISH.

It cost a Chinaman \$2 in Mr. Wood's Court for dumping rubbish in the harbour at Praya East.

### MARINE COURT.

When a case was called before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, the defendant, the master of the steam launch "Sui Yik," who was charged with unlawfully carrying 66 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence, in the waters of the Colony at 5.30 p.m. on Dec. 12, failed to answer his name.

The Sergeant in charge of the case informed his Worship that the summons was served on the defendant at 11.15 a.m. on Dec. 13.

### BASEBALL.

### HAPPY VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB v. THE NIPPON CLUB.

The following will represent the Happy Valley Baseball Club in a match against the Nippon Club to-morrow, at Happy Valley, commencing at 3 p.m. sharp:—C. A. Goldenberg, Gibson, Smith, Marshall, Riches, Pachito Tovar, U. M. Omar, R. M. Omar, and S. A. Hamid.

### LIEUT. FORD CONGRATULATED.

Lieut. L. M. Ford, of the 8th Somerset, has received the following letter:—The Commanding Officer wishes me to congratulate you on being awarded the Military Cross published in third Army Routine Orders dated October 9th, 1918. I also send my congratulations. You deserve it.

C. Briggs, Capt. Adjutant, 8th Bn. Som. L. Infantry. Lt. Ford volunteered early in 1915, and joined as a private in the King's Royal Rifles. He quickly rose to the rank of Sergeant and one of the several commissions of Lieutenant promoted from the ranks. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford, of Canton Park, and before the war was in a Kynsham branch of one of the banks. Inspector Ford, his father, retired about 13 years ago.

### LICENSING BOARD.

The following notice appears in the government Gazette for Dec. 20th.

It is hereby notified that, by command of His Excellency the Officer-Administering the Government, and pursuant to Section 10 of the Liquor Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 4 of 1911, an Election by the Justices of the Peace of a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Licensing Board for three years, will take place in the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court on Friday, the 3rd day of January, commencing at 1 o'clock in afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Frederick Hough's period of three years service as a member of the Licensing Board has now expired and he has expressed his willingness to stand again for election.

The following news note ran in a Nebraska daily paper: "Neither the law of God nor the law of man—at least in Nebraska—prevents women from wearing men's clothes when engaged in war work, as ruled by the Attorney General." This opinion was given to a minister who wrote Governor Keith a letter saying the wearing of men's garments by women was against Bible doctrine and asking if it was contrary to state law.

The *Transvaal Gazette* contains a proclamation of H. H. the Maharajah, deposing from the State Mr. A. A. Hart, Secretary, Indian Local Rillie Students Association for India, Burma, Ceylon, and Straits Settlements, ordinarily residing in Kottayam, North Travancore. It was reported to Government that Mr. Hart was preaching against the War, appealing earnestly to all Christians not to help the present war or sympathize with it.

### UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many cases of merrit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? This most fastidious are satisfied when we state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotics or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE REVEREND J. H. FRANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHINA MAIL."

Sir,—The Rev. J. H. France formerly the Mission to Seamen Chaplain for Hongkong died in England recently. It is thought that many who had the privilege of knowing him or his would wish to show their appreciation of his seventeen years' devoted service for his Master amongst Seamen by helping to lighten the burden of poverty which his sudden death has cast upon his widow and family.

Special expenses involved in a ten years' residence in Hongkong together with a large family, made it impossible for him to make adequate provision for Mr. France and the children, insurance and under two very small investments, amounting in all to less than £1000, constitute all the resources available for the maintenance of herself and family including the education of four children under thirteen years of age.

A fund is being raised for the benefit of his family and I have been requested to give publicity to it in Hongkong. I know of no other place where people respond so generously to such an appeal and I know of no clergyman who worked harder for the best interests of the seamen upon whom the Colony depends for all its wealth and indeed its existence. It was his advocacy which caused the Seamen's Institute to be created and his memory is fragrant in many hearts and lives all along the China Coast. The fact that his death was accelerated by the return of malaria fever contracted in Hongkong lands additional force to the claim of his family upon the generosity of Hongkong.

The Harbour Master, Commander Beckwith, has kindly consented to act as treasurer for such a fund. Donations may be paid to "The France Fund" at the Harbour Office, at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank or they may be sent to me—I am.

Yours etc

G. H. VICTORIA HONGKONG.

St. Paul's College, Hongkong.

December 21st, 1918.

### ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

### THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The winners of the monthly rounds for the Captain's Cup during 1918 are as follows:—January T. R. Chasels, Feb. A. Morrison, March R. J. Rawlinson, April S. H. Dodwell and Sir Wm. Rees Davies (tie), May C. C. Clark, June M. M. Maas, July A. R. Stewart, August A. Ritchie, October R. A. Lawson, November M. A. Murray, December A. C. Leith. There were no rounds returned for September. Messrs. Rawlinson and Stark have left the Colony since the above rounds were played.

The Draw is as follows:—Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell (or Sir Wm. Rees Davies) and A. C. Leith (bye). R. A. Lawson and T. R. Chasels (bye). A. Ritchie and A. Morrison (bye). M. A. Murray (bye). M. M. Maas and A. B. Stewart (bye).

The first and second rounds are to be played on or before 5th January. Semi-final 13th January. Final 19th January.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS.  
On 24th and 25th inst. there will be a Men's Bogey Pool to be played over the Fanning Main Course. Entrance Fee \$1 per card.

On 27th inst. there will be a Mixed Doubles Medal Round Competition over the Main Course starting after 1.30 p.m. Players to choose their own partners. Entrance Fee \$1 per card.

Fifty per cent of all Entrance Fees to be devoted to War Charities.

On Boxing Day the Men's Club House is to be opened to Ladies.

### BAN ON GERMANS.

The Straits Merchant Service Guild at a meeting on Dec. 6th, passed the appended resolutions:—

1. That all Germans or enemy subjects shall be debarr'd from serving in any British ship and from being carried in any British ship as passengers for a term of years.

2. That no enemy subject should be allowed to land at any British territory under any pretence whatever for a period of years.

3. That the mutiny in Singapore with all its consequences was caused by the Germans and their sympathizers and therefore any person or firm anywhere East of Suez employing or having dealings with any enemy subject should be black-listed for a term of years.

For convenience of reference we reprint the resolution of the committee of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce.

In view of the fact that the war was indisputably due to German intrigue and as a protest against the gross barbarity and lack of honour with which the German Army and Navy have conducted it, and the apparent acquiescence of the German people in such disastrous methods, the Committee of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce is of the opinion that some mark of the disgust and shame which is felt thereat should be placed on record, and recommends to Government that no German subject should for a period of ten years after the settlement of peace be allowed to land, reside, or trade within the Colony of the Straits Settlements.

### APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are in the Government Gazette to-day:—Mr. Walter Schofield to act as Second Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, with effect from the 2nd December, 1918.

With effect from the 11th December: Hon. Mr. Charles McIlwaine Messer, O.B.E., to act as Colonial Treasurer; Mr. Edward Dudley Corcoran Wolfe to act as Captain Superintendent of Police.

Mr. John Rookridge Wood to act as First Police-Magistrate.

Mr. Charles Alexander Dick Malbourn to act as Second Police Magistrate.

Mr. Roger Edward Lindsay to act as Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court.

### THE H.K.S.B.

### LONG LIST OF HONOURS.

The following is a list of appointments, commissions, rewards, etc., to the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, No. 1 Mountain Battery R.E.S.F., Royal Garrison Artillery, Normal Bn. of officers and other ranks of the above unit awarded British Orders and Decorations:—

Major Moore, William, D.S.O.
Leut. Eyenden, Edward, M.O.
703-407 Fitter Walsh, J., D.C.M.
Acting Subadar Imam, Mir Khan, M.C.
Acting Major, Mir Ditta, D.C.M.
725 Havildar Nawah Khan, 1,051 Havildar, Acting
789 Jemadar Fattah Singh, 1,115 Havildar Sultan Mohd, 1,173 Chajja Singh, 1,189 Kishan Singh, 1,189 Gunar Ghulam Mohd, M.M.
1,648 Gunner, now acting Naik Nihal Singh, 1,370 Naik Tika Khan, 1,634 Acting Naik Lobb Singh, 1,432 Ghulam Hussain, 1,116 Havildar Abdul Ghani
FOREIGN DECORATIONS.
S.A.S. Maule Bulak, Russian Order of St. George, 2nd Class, Gold, 699 Gunner Karim, Din, Serbian Silver Medal.

### SIDE LIGHTS ON LIFE IN ENGLAND.

Of the rise in prices, of the rationing of the scarcity of coal, of the altered rail and steamer services, of a host of other changes I make no mention, but here are just a few small alterations in English life. In London there are no newspaper bills or posters. Their absence struck me at once. The sale of newspapers is strictly moderated, but every one is exceedingly keen to get the latest news. The London streets are strictly sober even on the morrow of a British victory. My morning newspaper to-day has only two advertisements. One is inserted by the Government to attract war savings, and the other is by the Cherry Blossom boot polish people. Of such importance is eye wash in the British Army, that officers' boots must not go unpollished. The Government is by far the largest advertiser to-day. So scarce is expert labour that the watchmaker has kept my watch for repairs for over six weeks and he makes no promise to fulfil the order. Of the street clocks, by which one used to set one's watch, many are now stopped and others are not regulated. The bells of Big Ben are often silent. I left Charing Cross Station at ten minutes to four by the station clock and I walked along the Strand. After a short walk of barely five minutes, I saw a clock which showed me that it was already ten minutes past four. In Fleet-Street another clock told me that it was then only a quarter to four. I marched with the battalion to church parade at Canterbury Cathedral. At this Cathedral, the premier church in England, no organ was playing. It is a famous organ and its pipes are hidden away out of sight in the soaring arches on both sides of the building. I learned that electrical power is not available for it for a full service. One week later, the organist was called to the colours. I noticed a pile of new looking opera hats in the windows of a second hand dealer. These hats were fashionable once upon a time and cost a guinea. Now they are priced at half a crown and find no buyers. The only people wearing opera hats are music hall comedians, who joke about them, and conjurers, who find them portable. In London there are next to no matches and smokers are at a loss for lights. For 4/6 I purchased a pipe lighter of French design and make. A tiny wheel operates over a flint and strikes a spark, which in turn ignites some tinder. This glowing tinder I thrust into my pipe. Refills of tinder and tinder are available and now I use no other light. For petrol lighters, no petrol can be got. Every traveller in a railway carriage talks to his neighbour on the seat. They talk about the war of course. In bygone days the impenetrable reserve, and the hostile machinations of the occupants, terrified anyone who entered the compartment last. But now uniforms and teryls chequer the seats as all at talking. The conversation never lapsed and all compartments are indiscriminately used for smoking. It is khaki that makes us all akin. But officers may travel only first class and private only third. —Zack.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1918.

## FOOTBALL.

## HONGKONG SHIELD DRAW.

At a meeting in Victoria Barracks last evening, Mr. B. Wilton presiding, the draw for the first round of the Hongkong Shield competition was arranged. Not a little excitement was noticeable among the representatives as to what opponents were to be encountered by their teams.

A previous arrangement was to have only two matches in the first round, but this would have entailed byes in the second, which was considered inadvisable. Therefore it was very sensibly agreed to have four matches, all to take place on Boxing Day.

The result of the draw is as follows:—

**BOXING DAY, Dec. 26.**  
R.G.A. v. Royal Navy. On the Club ground at 2.30 p.m.  
St. Joseph's College v. South China Athletic. On the Club ground at 4 p.m.

Hongkong F.C. v. Kowloon. On the Navy ground at 4 p.m.  
Royal Engineers v. Staff and Departments. On the Military ground at 4 p.m.

It will be noticed that in only one case do 1st Division teams meet. They are the R.G.A. and Royal Navy. Rumour has it that despite the loss of players belonging to H.M.S., that there are any number just at hand waiting the chance to play. And after playing at the greater game in the North Sea they will be keen for this for a change. Under the circumstances there seems little chance of the R.G.A. surviving unless Green can score a couple of goals and his defence keep out the Navy forwards.

The only other match where there is any doubt as to the result is South China and St. Joseph's. Although there will be three shield matches on it is pretty safe to say there will scarcely be breathing room at this match. South China ought to win but they will find it no easy thing.

Everybody will expect the Club to dispose of Kowloon, and the Royal Engineers to finish any aspirations the Staff and Departments may cherish of becoming Shield winners, the only question being what the 1st Division team will win by.

The money forthcoming at the Stand and from the collection boxes at the Club ground will be devoted to the fund on behalf of the widowed mother of the late Sergt. H. Linfield, R.N.Y. Police.

UNIVERSITY v. 87th Co. R.G.A.

This 2nd Division League match was played on the Navy ground at Happy Valley yesterday. A very even game resulted but in consequence of a goal scored by Baker for the soldiers, the University lost both points, after playing well throughout the game. Result:—

87th Co. R.G.A. 1  
University 0

## PHILIPPINE GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE.

Anent the sudden departure of Governor-General Harrison of the Philippine Islands from Manila to the United States; without a word of explanation on his part, the Manila *Cablenews* American suggests just a few possible reasons for his unceremonious exit.

It may be mentioned that Governor Harrison, after a tenure of five years as chief executive of the islands, during which time he was the object of much adverse criticism by the American element resident there, on the stroke of midnight of a day early this month stopped aboard the ship *Butamante* at Manila, proceeded to the southern islands, and there transferred to another steamer bound for New York via Panama. It seemed very mysterious.

In explaining his departure, the *Cablenews* says:

1.—The G.G. did not want to cause public gatherings of any sort because of the typhoid epidemic.

2.—He resigned because the National Guard did not get all that was expected of it and because his nomination as Major-General was not confirmed.

3.—He is going on a secret mission to the Paris Peace Conference to bring back independence.

4.—Two or three men were after his scalp and had planned to assassinate him.

5.—He is going on a secret honeymoon.

6.—He is after the Kaiser and doesn't want the latter to get any advance information of his coming.

7.—He is seriously ill and was advised by his physicians to avoid any excitement on the eve of his departure.

8.—He is going fishing.

9.—He is so modest that he did not want to make it appear as though he was courting the favour of the people.

10.—He was recalled by Washington.

There you have a few of the most common theories. Probably all are wrong and when the Hon. Francis Burton Harrison arrives in New York he may explain it otherwise.

## THE LATE LANCE CORPORAL FRANK DEALY A.I.F.

Details of Lance-Corporal Frank Dealy's death in action, noted in our issue of 19th October last, have been received. Captain H. W. B. Cairns, A.A.M.C., a South Australian Rhodes Scholar, writes from France, and says:—

L/Cpl. Dealy and two of his comrades, all three members of a Lewis Gun team in D. Company were standing in a trench, at 1 p.m. on August 26th. They were sharing their rations, when a shell landed near by and killed them all instantaneously. L/Cpl. Dealy was wounded in the head, and suffered no pain. He was buried that night, very near the spot where he was killed, and that is Sheet 62c G.I.B. 60, 75—1,000 yards N.W. of the village of Suzanne, on the north bank of the river Somme, seven miles west of Peronne. A temporary wooden cross, was placed over his grave, and it will be well cared for. I will go and see it myself before coming on leave. I got the above details from L/Cpl. Giles, D. Company, 43rd Battalion. He was in the same Company, and but a few yards from Frank when the latter fell. He liked him very much, and says he was a fine chap. The Adjutant of the Battalion told me the same thing. He also said that Dealy's Company Commander, Lieut. Martin, had said to him, when the news reached him:—

"One of the finest fellows in the Company gone."

The names of the two others killed at the same time are Theobald and Peters.

Lieutenant Jack Brake, A.F.A., 8th Field Artillery Brigade, and Orderly Officer at Headquarters, 8th Division, also writes in connection with Frank's death:—

August 26th was the morning that our Infantry made an advance Eastwards from the vicinity of Bray. The stunt opened about 5 a.m. All three were killed instantly, and were buried practically where they fell, at G.I.B. 60, 75 on map of France 62c. The grave is registered, and will be marked with a cross. I got this information from the man who buried them.

The above details are confirmed by reference to the excellent map given in *The Times* of August 28th, which shows the progress of the Armies east of Amiens, on the 26th and 27th August. The hamlet of Suzanne is seen thereon to be close to the north bank of the river Somme, some two or three miles east of Bray; and the line of advance of the troops in that quarter, is shown just east of the tiny village. It is in the modern Department of Somme, and in the heart of the ancient Province of Picardy.

MACAO AND MISSIONARIES.

The following is from the December number of the Portuguese Review *Religio e Patria*:—

Besides the two American priests who arrived here last month for the new mission of Yeongkong, two more, who stopped in Shanghai in order to visit Peking, have just arrived. One of them, the Rev. Father Thomas Frederick Price, Superior of that Mission, preached in our Cathedral on Sunday morning, the 1st inst., at 9.30 mass. The rev. gentleman spoke with much enthusiasm of the considerable increase of catholicism in America and on the great catholic movement there to train missionaries, stating at the same time that these four missionaries represent the advance guard of many others who will follow to China. We much praise the zeal and the willingness of the Rev. Father Price and hope he will be successful in his efforts, but it is necessary that nobody should fail to recognise that it was our old Portuguese missionaries, with true apostolic spirit and facing every sort of persecution and suffering, who were the pioneers of the teaching of the Gospel in these remote countries and that it was from the small but noble and illustrious city of Macao, the pearl of the Far East, they spread the brilliant light of faith and Christian civilisation upon these vast regions.

COMING MUSICAL TREAT.

Mme. Yadviga Zaleska is booked to give a concert at the City Hall on January 1. A Polish pianist of great reputation, Mme. Zaleska has been gaining unusual experience in Japan by playing in inland places where the piano had not been heard before. At Shanghai she had an enthusiastic reception. At Hongkong she will interpret Chopin (the famous sonata B-minor included) and give us also some characteristic Polish music. Those who love that "dear, dainty Chopin" and who does not may be assured that Mme. Zaleska will do him justice. It is her speciality. Booking is now proceeding at the Astor House and at Moutrie's.

## POETRY FROM THE RUSSIAN.

## COSSACK CRADLE SONG.

(From the Russian of Lermontov.)

Sleep my beauty, baby mine,  
Bye-bye, hush thee, sleep!  
Soft and bright the moon's rays shine  
Full on thy cradle deep.

Fairy tales I now will tell thee,  
Songs I'll sing, bye-bye!  
Slumber then, thine eyes closed near me,  
Bye-bye, lullaby.

Q'er the stones the Terek splashes,  
Muddled waves make strife;  
Up the bank the Chechen dashes  
Whetting his keen knife.

But thy father, old in fight,  
Issues with a cry  
Sleep, my babe, in peace to-night,  
Bye-bye, lullaby.

Thou shalt know, when comes the time,  
The fighting man's stern creed;  
To thy stirrup thou shalt climb,  
Armed mount thy steed.

I thy silken saddle-seat  
Will work while thou art nigh  
Sleep, my child, here at my feet,  
Bye-bye, lullaby.

Outwardly a valiant knight,  
At heart a Cossack brave,  
When thou farthest forth from sight  
Thou thy hand wilt wave.

How many secret bitter tears,  
Ere that sad night rolls by!  
Sleep, my angel, calm thy fears,  
Bye-bye, lullaby.

I shall wait on here in pain,  
Uncomforted and weak;  
Shall pray each living day, again,  
At night, an omen seek;

I shall think o'er thy lone lot  
Afar, and thinking, sigh  
Sleep, for now thy cares are not,  
Bye-bye, lullaby.

A holy ikon I shall give thee,  
Use it on thy way,  
Set it up when on thy knee  
Thou bendest low to pray.

Preparing thou for battle-duty  
Think of me, my child  
Sleep, my little one, my beauty,  
Bye-bye, lullaby.

PRAYER.

(By Lermontov.)

In times of life's strong storms and stress,  
Should grief my heart o'ercrowd,  
One glorious prayer in my distress,  
I utter out aloud.

There is a strength of blessed worth  
In rhythmic living phrase,  
An unimagined charm at birth  
That breathes a holy grace.

As though a load slips off, a pall  
Rolls by; doubt disappears,  
My faith returns—tears fall:  
And slowly thus, all clears.

THE SAIL.

(By Lermontov.)

A single sail gleams white to me  
Upon the light blue misty sea  
What seeks the man on this far strand?  
Why quitted he his natal land?

The billows roll, and o'er the seas,  
Winds shrill; the ship's mast bends  
And creaks  
Wee's me! It is not joy he seeks!  
Nor yet is it from joy he flees!

Below him, waters show a tich bright blue;  
Above him glows the sun's gold hue:  
A rebel he—storms are his quest,  
As though in storms he found but rest.

FORGIVE!

(From the Russian of Nekrasov.)

Forgive me, nor recall the days of strife,  
Of pain, of wrath—the failures of our life.  
Do not recall its storms, its fears,  
Nor jealousy's vague threats and fears!

But bless the happy days when  
Love's clear star  
Above us threw its glad light near  
And far,

When fearlessly we lived our lot—  
Be grateful, and forget them not!

T. K. DEALY.

North Adelaide,  
19th November, 1918.

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## BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO MEN.

## INTERESTING MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A Memorial Service for those employees of the British-American Tobacco Company who have fallen in the War was held in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Westminster, on October 19th. The address was given by the Rev. W. H. Carnegie M.A. Canon of Westminster, and Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons. At the time the services were held 300 employees had answered the last Great Call and since then several more have given their lives in the fight for freedom.

In the course of his address the Rev. W. H. Carnegie said:—"The Company under whose auspices this service is held holds a splendid record in this war. 3,300 of its employees have enlisted in our military forces, many of them coming from far distant countries in response to the call of duty, from Africa, Australia, North and South America, from India, China, and other places. How well they have fought is shown by the large number of military distinctions gained by them, no less, I understand, than 135 honours have been conferred upon them, including two Distinguished Service Orders and twenty-seven Military Crosses and thirty-four Military Medals; and they have suffered in no less degree, 300 of them having laid down their lives in the service of their country and a much larger number have been wounded, some of them severely and dangerously."

"Such is its war record, and it is one of which any Company may well be proud, nor has the Company itself failed in its appreciation of what these brave men have done and are doing. It has, for instance, I understand, made systematic arrangements for providing them with little comforts and luxuries while at the front and for visiting them and caring for them when they return home wounded, and it keeps in touch with them by means of a weekly paper, thousands of copies of which are distributed among the men themselves and among their friends and relations at home."

According to a Peking message dated Dec. 13, Sir Reginald Gamble, Chief Inspector of the Salt Gabelle, Mr. J. C. Bours, Chief Secretary in charge of the Customs, and Mr. Picard Destelan, Director General of Posts, having met to consider the re-employment of dismissed employees of the Salt Gabelle, the Customs and the Postal Service, agreed that Germans should not be re-employed especially in view of Allied ex-soldiers possibly declining to work alongside Germans in the Customs service.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC are requested to notify the Police Department when arranging entertainments which will entail the provision of additional CHAIRS or RICKSHAS in particular localities. Unless such notice is given it is probable that the usual supply of Chairs or Vehicles at any particular point will be found inadequate.

E. D. C. WOLFE,  
Captain Superintendent of Police,  
20th December, 1918.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM AUSTRALIA AND MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship "NIKKO MARU," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godowns of the Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 31st Dec., 1918, will be subject to sale.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1918.

COLONIAL DISPENSARY.

FANCY PERFUMES,  
EAU DE COLOGNE,  
TOILET SOAPS,  
MANICURE SETS.

SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

COLONIAL DISPENSARY.

14, Queen's Road, Central.  
Telephone No. 000.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 2 of 1913, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Foreign Business on the 25th and 26th instants.

Hongkong, December 21, 1918.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th December, and THURSDAY, 26th December, ALL DEPARTMENTS will be CLOSED.

DISPENSING DEPARTMENT. Urgent prescriptions will be dispensed as usual.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, December 21, 1918.

Astor House Hotel.

SPECIAL DINNERS will be served on XMAS EVE and XMAS DAY at the Rate of \$2.90 per head. Tables may be booked at the Office of the Hotel.

The following is the Menu for Xmas Eve:—

Menu.

HORS D'OEUVRES  
CONSOMME DE VOLAILLE  
FILET DE SOLES SAUCE CHAMPAGNE  
VOL AU VENT VALENCIENNE  
CHATEAUBRIAN AUX CHAMPIGNONS  
JAMBON AUX PETIT POIS  
ASPERGES A LA CREME  
DINDON ROTI TRUFFE  
PATE DE PERDREAUX  
SALADE VERTE  
CHARLOTTE CREME CHANTILLY  
PETITS FOURS  
XMAS PUDDING  
DESSERTS ASSORTS  
CAFE

Tea and Refreshments can be obtained in the Lounge, which has just been newly opened.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (on account of the CONSIGNER),

OR

SATURDAY,

the 23rd Dec., 1918, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, DES VERTS ROAD, Corner of Ice House Street.

Four FOX TERRIER PUPS about two months old.

TERMS:—Cash.

HUGHES & HUGHES,  
Auctioneers,  
Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1918.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "EURYADES"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 21st December. Optional cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th Dec. will be subject to sale.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th Jan. or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, Dec. 21st, 1918.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the largest selling cough medicine in the world today because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It stops coughs, and cures speedily and effectively. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

NOTICES.

Lane, Crawford & Co.

A Large Selection of

TOM SMITH'S

Crackers & Table Decorations.

Chocolates, Candies, Caramels, Butterscotch, Turkish Delight.

Chocolate Fudge, Waldorf Cream, Coconut Ice, Scotch Toffes, Stuffed Dates & Prunes, Marron Glace, Salted Almonds.

1000 British Dolls, Teddy Bears, Woolly Animals, etc.

Owing to the late arrival, all the above are at special prices to ensure clearance before the New Year.

For the convenience of our Customers we shall remain open till 5 o'clock on Saturday next.

Lane, Crawford & Co.

CHRISTMAS RECORDS FOR CHILDREN.

THE ANDERSON MUSIC CO., LTD.

TEL 1322. 18, DES VERTS ROAD CENTRAL.

YALE & TOWNE HARDWARE

PADLOCKS, CABINET LOCKS, DOOR CLOSERS, Etc., Etc.

SOLD EVERYWHERE.

XMAS HAMPERS.

WE beg to notify our Customers that ASSORTED HAMPERS suitable for the Festive Season may be obtained from us at the following reduced rates.

No. 1 HAMPER.

1 Qt. Moet & Chandon Champagne "Dry Imperial"

1 Blackberry Brandy

1 Pt. F.T. D.O.M.

1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy

2 " King George IV White Label Whisky or

2 " Perfection

2 " St. Julien Claret

1 " Superb Tawny Port

1 " Old Brown Sherry Red Seal

1 " Gin, D.O.M., Old Tom, or Dry

1 " Burgundy Brandy

1 Pilsa Pomeranian Bitters

No. 2 HAMPER.

1 Qt. Victor Olcott Champagne

1 Pt. D.O.M.

1 Qt. Burgundy Brandy

1 " Martell's XXX Brandy

2 " King George IV, W.L., or Perfection Whisky

2 " Tawny Dry Port

2 " St. Julien Claret

1 " Gin, D.O.M., Old Tom, or Dry

1 " Fine de Paris Sherry Y.B.

1 Pilsa Pomeranian Bitters

No. 3 HAMPER.

1 Qt. Burgundy Brandy

1 Pt. D.O.M.

2 Qts. Superior Rich Old Port

2 " King George IV, W.L., or Perfection Whisky

1 " 20 year Old Brandy











Christmas Eve

4.30 p.m.

Cel. No. 1743

AT THE

## CORONET

(LATE BIJOU THEATRE)

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES FROM 5 TO 90

## JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

"THE PETER PAN OF THE FILMS."

The First Film Pantomime ever shown in Hongkong.

Christmas Eve

9.15 p.m.

Cel. No. 1743

Francis Carpenter, 5½ years of age, the cleverest child actor in the world, as JACK.

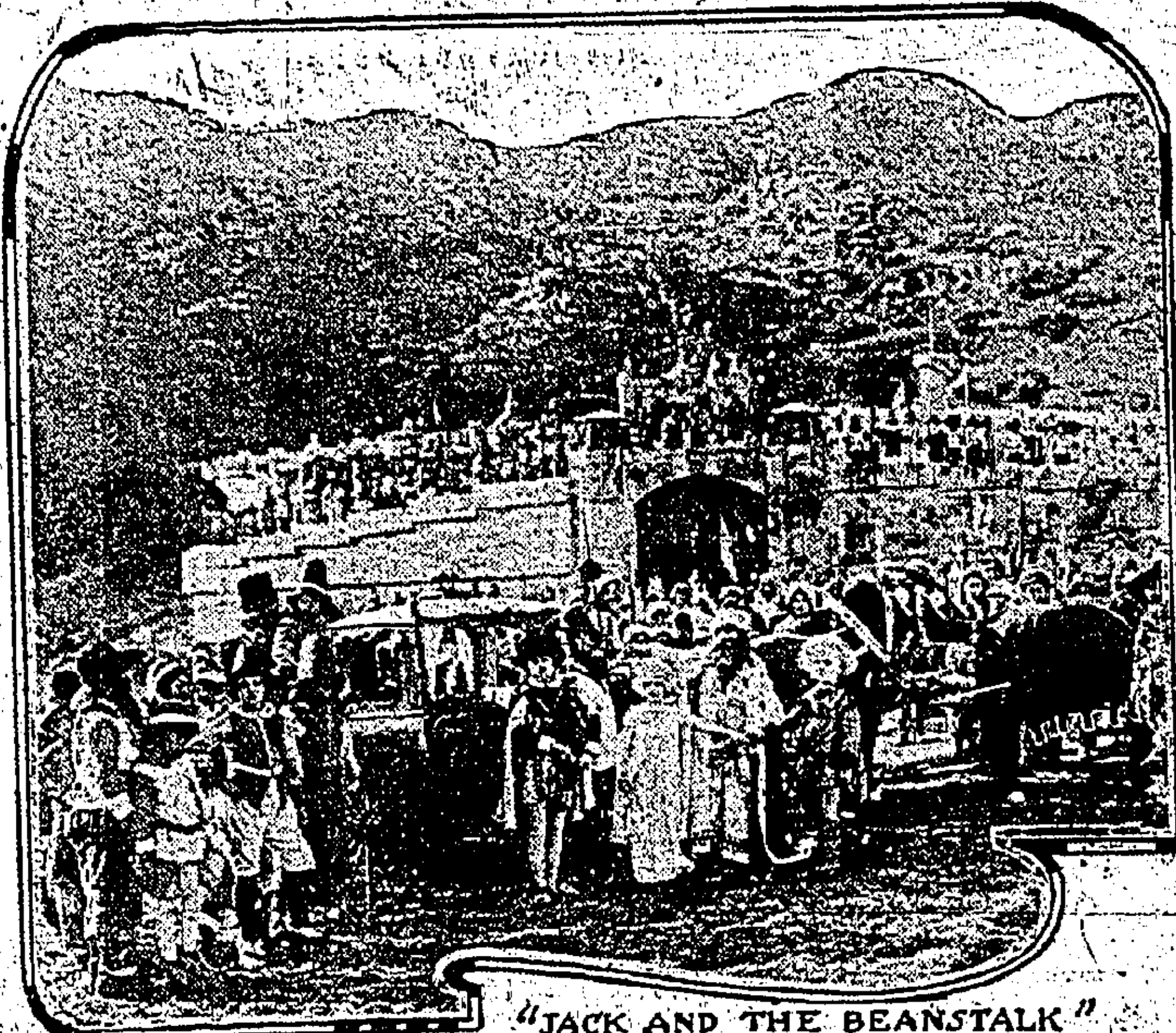
1,300 children in the Fairy village as Cottagers and King's Retainers.

A wonderful performing dog.

A hen that lays golden eggs.

A REAL giant 8 feet 6 inches high.

## The City Where the Little Folk Dwell



"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION  
Jack, before seeking out the Giant, gets an enthusiastic send-off. The Princess bids him a sad farewell, while Prince Rudolph looks scornful.

The film is in 10 parts. It ranks with William Fox's other great picture, "The Daughter of the Gods" as a super production. It cost £100,000 to produce.

An entire city with a city wall and hundreds of tiny houses inside was specially built for it—also a castle for the Giant.

It is the most stupendous theatrical production of modern times.

## CLUB LIFE IN INDIA.

## SIR SATYENDRA SINHA ON EXCLUSION OF NATIVES.

Lord Islington, presiding at a well-attended meeting held in connection with the Union of the East and West at the Grafton Galleries on September 27th, said he thought after the magnificent victories achieved during the past few days, in which Indian troops played a conspicuous part, they were justified in saying with more conviction and certainty than before that a decisive defeat of the enemy was really in view. That happy day might be soon or at some distant date, but it was clear that the Allies were mutually determined that the war could not cease until the extinction of that Prussian rule which had attempted to inspire and stimulate the revolutionary elements in this and other countries.

Sir Satyendra Prasanna Sinha, Member of the Imperial War Council, in the course of an address on "Social life in Bengal," said organized action to effect better relations between the English in India and the natives, official and non-official, ought to occupy more attention in the future than it had done in the past. General observations had frequently been made concerning the necessity for removing any obstacles to the English making the educated Indian one of themselves, but hitherto no satisfactory result had been produced, and it was impossible to estimate the amount of bitterness created by the rule, or the convention which made it appear that no Indian was good enough to be elected a member of the English clubs in Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras. When Indians came to London some of them became members of the most exclusive clubs, to which it was not possible for some of their English friends in India to belong to, but when these same Indians went back to India they were not allowed even to enter the doors of this or that English club—except, perhaps, as waiters. One could well imagine the effects of that on the minds of the natives. The club habit was not an Indian habit, and there was never any fear of these English clubs being flooded with the natives if they were admitted, therefore he urged that this rule of excluding the natives should be swept aside, and an announcement given as wide publicity as possible that no objection would in the future be raised to the membership of Indians provided with the necessary sponsors.

## CAPTAIN BALL, V.C.

## BRILLIANT AIRMAN'S RECORD.

## AN AMERICAN TRIBUTE.

The United States Consul in Nottingham (Mr. Calvin M. Hitch) and the Vice-Consul (Mr. L. Weber) attended the meeting of the Nottingham City Council on November 8th to present to Aid. A. Ball, on behalf of the Aero Club of America, a bronze medal and illuminated diploma in recognition of the brilliant services of his son, Capt. Ball, V.C.

Warmly greeted by the Mayor, Mr. Hitch said that this was the first medal which the Aero Club had awarded to a British soldier. Tracing the history of aircraft, he said that it was safe to predict that aeroplanes would be crossing the Atlantic from the States and bombing German cities. With a large air force co-operating in our military operations the Allies should have not fewer than 50,000 aeroplanes, and a good number of them should be used exclusively for bombing German towns and cities. (Hear, hear.) It was an old saying that the only way to fight the devil was with fire. The Germans started the bombing of undefended towns, and he was heartily in favour of doing them with their own medicine and administering a double dose for every dose they had given us. (Applause.)

Captain Ball, he continued, possessed the qualities of iron nerve, keen perception and quick decision, which were essential to the airman, in a marked degree, and his glorious deeds would live ever live in history and serve as an inspiration to the young men of this and succeeding generations. The cruelties and needless sufferings inflicted by the Germans must be avenged. (Hear, hear.) We were all war-weary and anxious for peace, but it must be a real peace, the terms of which must be dictated by the Allies. (Hear, hear.) America was more determined today than when she entered the war, and with the united efforts of the Allies it was only a question of time when right and justice would triumph and his comrades who had perished would not have died in vain. He asked Mr. Ball to receive the medal and diploma as tokens of the esteem and affection entertained for his son by his friends and admirers in the United States.

Ald. Ball expressed the sincere thanks of himself and his family, and said he would ever treasure this recognition of what their boy had done. But he only

## ATTACHING AN OFFICER'S SALARY.

Whether the pay of a British officer in the Indian Army could be attached under the Civil Procedure Code was the question decided by the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin in suits filed against Major G. B. Murray. He decided that it could, to the extent of a moiety, but added by way of warning that the case dealt with was the case of a British officer in the Indian Army and not a case of an officer in the British Army. About the legislation on the point, his lordship thought it very unfortunate that the Legislature could not say quite clearly whether it intended officer's salaries in India to be liable to attachment or not, whether they were in the British or the Indian Army.

## COLONEL JOHN WARD IN SIBERIA.

Colonel John Ward, C.M.G., M.P., is still pursuing the same vigorous policy which has made him so universally respected, away in Siberia. The British battalion which was held up recently by the Bolsheviks in Siberia while proceeding west was commanded by him. The first detachment occupied the train arriving at Zemel, when the engine-driver was held up by armed Bolsheviks, who threatened violence if he did not join a strike, part of a deliberate plan to stop the westward transport of Allied troops, and described how the commanding officer marched his men into the town, arrested the leader, promptly ordered the strikers back on pain of arrest and confinement, and by his resolute action put an end to an incident which might have left his battalion cut off both in rear and in front. Colonel Ward led his battalion well on the Ussuri front. His name also will always be associated with the mining of the transport Tynchikus off the Cape, when officers and troops displayed a gallantry reminiscent of the Birkenhead, whilst he will long be remembered in this Colony.

did what millions of other boys were doing—their very best for the cause we all had at heart. We appreciated the enormous sacrifices which the American people were making, and with their help we should be able to defeat our terrible enemies, and bring about a universal peace.

Alderman Ball concluded with the expression of a fervent hope that a stop would speedily be put to the profiteering which was going on in the country, even if it involved a measure of confiscating wealth.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, Dec. 22nd.

Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.)

Matins (11 a.m.)  
Responses: Ferial; Venite, Dyce; Psalms, Crotch and Poland; De Deum, Woodward, Stuart and Turle; Benedictus, Langdon. Hymns, 47, 353 (171).

God Save the King.

Litany (12 noon).  
Evangelist (6 p.m.)  
Responses: Ferial; Psalms, Russell; Magnificat, Monk (4th morning); Nunc Dimittis, Waley. Hymns, 107, 280, 271.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, Dec. 22nd.

Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.  
Responses: Ferial; Venite, Dyce; Psalms, 107 Verses 1 to 22, Crotch; Chant 229; 107 Verses 23 to 30; Nunc Dimittis, Chant 229; 107 Verses 31 to end, Crotch; Chant 229; De Deum, St. John; Benedictus, Filzherbert; 4th Evening. Hymns 68, 115, 79, 283.

God Save the King.

Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.  
Responses: Ferial; Psalms, 103 and 109; As set, Magnificat, Barby in E; Nunc Dimittis, Waley. Hymns, 78, 183, 242, 130.

God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.  
Sunday Service, December 22nd.

Morning, 11 a.m. Hymns, 234, 529, 28, 29, Paraphrase 18.  
Subject: The League of Nations.

Evening, 6 p.m. Hymns, 128, 35, 35, 100.  
Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.  
Collections for Sunday Schools.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 1918.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: Mr. T. F. Fleming.

Peak Church.

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.

The Gospel Hall.

10 & 12 PASSES STREET.  
Weekly Services—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only. 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study, 8 p.m.

Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist,

MacDonnell Road.

Sundays, 11 a.m.

Wednesdays, 6.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church,

Wanchai.

Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.

Evening Service, 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,

Arsenal Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church,

Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed

by the Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral,

Gloucester.

Mass at 6.7 and 9.30 a.m.

High Mass at 8 a.m.

6.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament.

CRICKET.

CHAIKENGOWER v. R.G.A.

The league match due to have been

played to-day has been postponed,

as the R.G.A. wish to field as strong

a team as possible for their football

match versus South China Athletic;

and their best players play both

cricket and football.

ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY.

Seven armed robbers are reported to

have appeared at West Point. They

attacked No. 13, Canton Street, covering

the inmates with revolvers. They got

2922 in notes and a lot of jewelry.

The total output of the Kailan Adm-

istration's mines for the week ending 7th

December amounted to 74,400 tons and

the sales during the period, to 58,000 tons.

## WEATHER REPORT.

December 21st, 1918, 12m.—No returns from Japan; Vladivostok, Weihai, and the Philippines. Pressure has decreased slightly at all stations reporting, the anticyclone having probably commenced to move eastwards. Hongkong: Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 101.58 inches, against an average of 82.74 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 22nd December:—

1.—Hongkong: In Gap Rock: N.E.

winds; fresh; cloudy, drizzling rain or

mist.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as

No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Loochoo: The same as

No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between

Hongkong and Hainan: The same as

No. 1.

## HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Teui during the year 1909-10.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 1 foot 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 22nd to 30th, 1918.

Time	Tide Water			Low Water		
	Height	Direction	Force	Height	Direction	Force
6.00	1.2	W	1.2	1.2	W	1.2
6.30	1.4	W	1.4	1.4	W	1.4
7.00	1.6	W	1.6	1.6	W	1.6
7.30	1.8	W	1.8	1.8	W	1.8
8.00	2.0	W	2.0	2.0	W	2.0
8.30	2.2	W	2.2	2.2	W	2.2
9.00	2.4	W	2.4	2.4	W	2.4
9.30	2.6	W	2.6	2.6	W	2.6
10.00	2.8	W	2.8	2.8	W	2.8
10.30	3.0	W	3.0	3.0	W	3.0
11.00	3.2	W	3.2	3.2	W	3.2
11.30	3.4	W	3.4	3.4	W	3.4
12.00	3.6	W	3.6	3.6	W	3.6
12.30	3.8	W	3.8	3.8	W	3.8
1.00	4.0	W	4.0	4.0	W	4.0
1.30	4.2	W	4.2	4.2	W	4.2
2.00	4.4	W	4.4	4.4	W	4.4
2.30	4.6	W	4.6	4.6	W	4.6
3.00	4.8	W	4.8	4.8	W	4.8
3.30	5.0	W	5.0	5.0	W	5.0
4.00	5.2	W	5.2	5.2	W	5.2
4.30	5.4	W	5.4	5.4	W	5.4
5.00	5.6	W	5.6	5.6	W	5.6
5.30	5.8	W	5.8	5.8	W	5.8
6.00	6.0	W	6.0	6.0	W	6.0

## A U-BOAT'S FATE.

A Dundee newspaper publishes details of how a submarine commander's intention to blow-up the Tay bridge was frustrated. An airman observed a large submarine lying on the sandy bottom of the river near Dundee. The alarm was immediately given and numerous mine-sweepers and destroyers were soon in the vicinity. The wire ropes of the sweepers struck the mark and a depth charge was immediately lowered. Then a heavy patrol boat dropped a very heavy charge that did it. Oil and wreckage soon rose to the surface and subsequently divers found thirteen of the crew within the wreck badly mangled and dead; while pieces of bodies were washed up on both sides. Two guns and a good part of the wreckage were salvaged and are now exhibited in Dundee.

This report is interesting in view of a statement that shortly before the war a German officer paid an official visit to the Tay, officers and crew being given a good time, including a trip to Inverness by train from Dundee. The story goes that the Admiralty, after the war commenced, held an inquiry as to the doings of the Germans during the visit.

## Two Weeks Old Baby Had Eczema On Body Cuticura Healed

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## COMMERCIAL.

## THE DESTROYED INDUSTRIES OF FRANCE.

"I was recently," says a fighting person at the front, "in a city in France which had, before the war, a population of 50,000 people. When I was there, there were not over 500 people in that city—54,500 were homeless refugees, if they weren't killed. I walked about that city for a month, searching for a house that wasn't damaged, a window that wasn't broken, and I never found one. The whole of that city will have to be rebuilt. A glorious Cathedral, a magnificent pile of municipal buildings, all in ruins: the Grande Place, a meeting place for the crowned heads of Europe, gone! Thou haste 'made of a city a heap'—a heap of rubbish."

What is the meaning of this destruction by fire and explosion persistently carried on by the German armies in their retreat in Northern France? It is the continuation of a well-planned campaign for helping the business and the trade of Germany after the war, says "The Bache Review" of New York.

In 1913, the industrial activities of Northern France and of Belgium were in a condition of great prosperity. Without provocation, but under a systematic pre-determined programme, which was planned years ago, the German has for four years been ruthlessly destroying that whole country. First of all, in the winter of 1914-15, he removed all the machinery from the great manufacturing centres of Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing, and transported it back to Germany. He has continued this systematic spoliation of France and Belgium ever since. Mr. Frank H. Simmonds, in a copyrighted article in the "Tribune," explains all this and says that the German has destroyed the buildings, the place in which the machinery was originally installed and the city in which the industries were conducted. The region is one of the great industrial districts of Europe. Lille, Tourcoing and Roubaix, practically constituting a single city of over 400,000 inhabitants, are the great industrial towns of France. Cambrai, Douai, and a score of smaller places are similarly busy centres of French manufacture. Lens, whose complete ruin has been reported, is the chief coal mining town of France. Factories, mines, and canals were systematically destroyed.

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## COMMERCIAL.

## ARGENTINE RAILWAY DIVIDENDS.

The dividends so far announced by the Argentine railway companies are in accordance with market expectations. Both the Buenos Aires Great Southern and the Buenos Aires Western are paying 2 per cent. for the year ended June 30, against 4 per cent. and 3 per cent. respectively for the previous year. In the case of the Great Southern Company the net available balance was 2,022,772, against 2,137,449 for the previous year. No figures were given by the Buenos Aires Western Company, but this company carries forward 241,320, against 23,124 a year ago.

## BRITISH BANKS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

The Commercial Bank of Spain America has arranged to open a branch in San Francisco, this development being the outcome of the war, the effect of which has been a marked expansion in trade connections between South American countries and the Far East. This trade tends to pass chiefly through San Francisco. The Commercial Bank of Spain America is now under the control of the Anglo-South American Bank, which holds over 90 per cent. of the capital. By this control the Anglo-South American Bank completes its representation throughout America.

## BRITISH METALS CORPORATION.

Arrangements are practically completed in connection with the formation of the British Metals Corporation which has

been formed to give effect to the scheme for securing the future of the mineral industries of the Allies. The capital of the projected institution will be 25,000,000. Mr. Charles Vincent Sale, of Messrs. Sale and Co., will probably be chairman of the company. The following well-known gentlemen are closely identified with the scheme: Sir Charles Fielding, chairman of the Rio Tinto; Mr. Andrew W. Tait, chairman of the British Aluminium Company and the Oils Steel Company; Mr. Cecil Budd (Vivian, Younger and Co.); Mr. A. Hugh Smith, and Mr. C. W. Tennant. The objects of the company will be to promote and develop Empire trade in non-ferrous metals and to regain for British trade the control of markets usurped of late years by the German metal interests.

## GERMAN PLANS.

German after-the-war plans for industries and commerce are discussed in a recent issue of the "Geneva (Switzerland) Journal." It says that the "cartel" system, always strong in Germany, has been greatly intensified during the war and especially in the matter of control and development of imports of material for industrial purposes. Numbers of the Government industries have been grouped with this purpose and in addition to this the three great German banking organizations, the Deutsche Bank, the Dresdner, and the Disconto Gesellschaft have quietly created a syndicate with a capital of 10,000,000,000 marks which dominates over the financial market of the whole country. The people, it says, are especially applying themselves to the study of technical materials and commercial languages and the electricians, the engineers, and the architects have formed a league of 60,000 members to help win the war after the war "especially in overhauling the world with cheap German manufactures."

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Do. (Ord.), ... \$168 s.  
Shell Transport, ... \$157 b.  
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Malayan Sugars, ... \$38 s.  
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Kailan Mining Adm., ... 47/ b.  
Langkai, ... \$23 s.  
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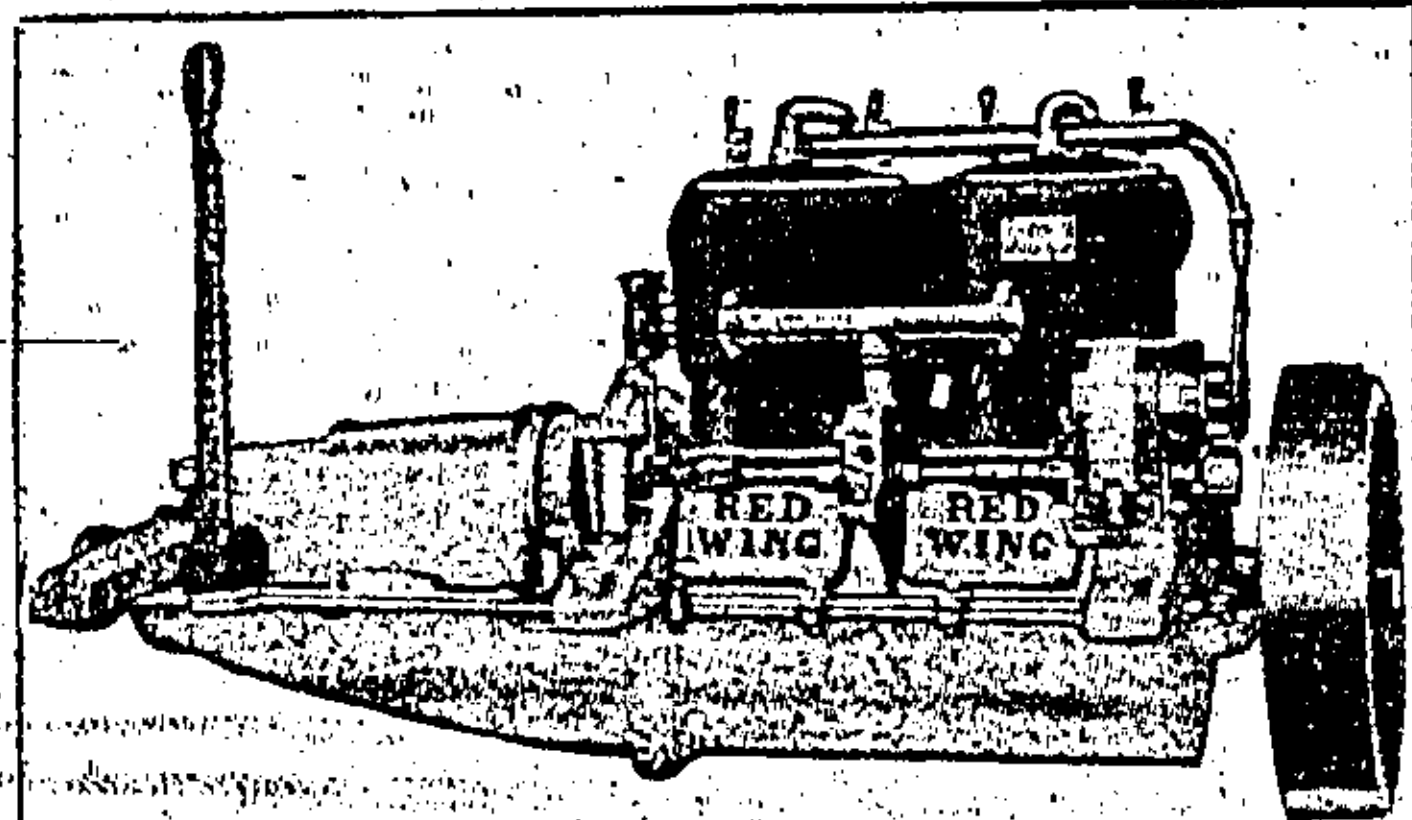


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## NEWS FROM HOME.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Then, as to the maimed soldiers and sailors. There are three alternatives—to put them all on the pension roll for total dependence for life, to make employers employ a certain proportion of disabled men on light jobs, and their employment in state factories. The first is already ruled out as impracticable, the second will be done to some extent, and the third and last alternative will affect a very small proportion.

From the industrial point of view there are broad schemes for allocating shipping, and distributing raw materials brought from the four quarters of the world. Ships now under the control of the navy will be used for bringing back the army and certain parts will be set aside for this debarcation, so that other parts may be cleared for the uses of commerce. Big liners that take back the American army will bring foodstuffs and materials. The raw materials will be dealt with by a priority committee, which will also decide the industries to be fed in their order of importance, beginning with those that can absorb large masses of labour. As rapidly as possible the factories that have been doing war work will be restored to industrial activity, but it is recognised that it will be a gradual process. For example, it is estimated that a works that has been making guns will be a year before it turns out its first locomotive.

The big government factories as they become available will be used for the storing of returned war material and from them the task of disposing of surplus material will be directed.

As each man leaves the Army he will receive his money, his discharge papers, and full directions where to apply for pension, information, training and employment.

But beyond that loom larger problems still. The trade unions have had a pledge from the Government that their rules, temporarily suspended during war time, shall be restored to them. Hitherto they have not operated to the increase of output or the development of national efficiency. There has been too much "can't" policy and the restriction of the best efforts of the most efficient men. There has been an effort to produce a dead level—not a high level of individual effort and individual rewards. If men spurred beyond that they have done so at the peril of trouble with their unions. Now if the men are to demand a better share of this world's goods, as they declare, they will "have fought for them" it ought to follow that they contribute a better share to the output. On that point there is trouble coming, and if it is not overcome there will be a handicap for British industry and commerce in the fierce competition that is coming.

The greatest hope is to be found in the fact that trusted leaders like Mr. J. R. Clynes have warned the workers of the folly of taking a short sighted view and have appealed them to work in peace for the national welfare as they did during war. Besides that, there is a large class of men and officers who will not take to civil life at all kindly after the open air activity of war. They will mostly gravitate to the dominions but beyond them there is a class that will give more difficulty. These are the shell shock men. Many of them have no practical experience or professional training and the neuropsychic effects of war have made them generally unfit for mental or physical strain. I know of some of them who have been given good billets, but have speedily tired of them.

WOMEN AND THE ELECTION. The election, according to present plans, will be about over when this letter arrives in the Far East. With an enormously inflated register—hundreds of thousands of women will for the first time exercise the franchise. It may be safely asserted that though Parliament has been opened to them without any age limits, the number of women to take their seats will be small. I have found a general expression of opinion among women that except in rare cases they would not vote for members of their own sex. A few trusted women of exceptional ability and breadth of mind will doubtless be elected, probably to the national benefit, but there is no indication of a rush for Westminster. Most of the politically-interested women I know regard the House of Commons as a dull place. Moreover, they do not, as a rule, make good listeners to other speakers. Their ears find their own voices more attractive. Moreover, it is curious to note what a poor opinion they have of what passes among the male M.P.s. for wit.

Strenuous efforts have been made to preserve the Coalition arrangements to cover the reconstruction period. It is felt by many that this stage will be critical as that of war, and there should be as little political strife as possible. But the feeling has not prevailed everywhere, and the old party bitterness has revived in many a division. A new and for the time, at any rate strong, development arising out of the war is the appearance of a powerful organisation of discharged soldiers and sailors, with candidates and a policy of its own, for the avowed purpose of securing that the men who served shall have justice from the State. It may be that this party will survive and exercise much influence for this generation.

There are efforts being made to revive the old battle cry of Free Trade, but so far as key industries are concerned, at any rate, the war has converted thousands to the conviction that it would be unfair to neglect opportunities of protecting the Empire from the designs of the German dumper of manufactured articles. This country at any rate will be unhealthy for the Hun longman for years to come.

THE WAR HUMOUR. Though with peace it is to be hoped we shall be able to recover much of our light-hearted mirth, we shall miss the special wit and humour of the camp and trench. Two little stories come to my mind as the produce of the week.

The Highlander is not credited by the mere Southerner with much lightness, but I am assured by an experienced hospital nurse that this is a libel. She gave as an instance of Jack's humour and amiable inclinations the story of the big bonnie lad who arrived back at an hour far past his regulation time. He was hampered by an arm in a sling, but was generally credited with great activity with the other, and moreover he had a fine, roving pair of dark eyes.

"Jack," said the sister the next morning, "You were not in until past eleven last night."

"Ye're richt, sister," replied Jack, "I was near twelve o'clock."

"What do you mean by it?"

"Weel, sister, we ken I met a wee lassie."

"That's no excuse."

"Ah, weel, ye ken the wee lassie was gey distressed like."

"What was the matter with her, and what had it to do with you?"

"Ye ken, sister," softly responded the soldier as he gave his bonnet a rakish tilt, "That puir wee lassie was awfu' lonesome."

The other is told by one who lately crossed the Atlantic when the stormy winds did blow. A negro soldier was on deck, enjoying the passage, when a ship was sighted. He rushed to the gangway and shouted down to one of his pals: "Say, nigger, come on up—there's a ship sighted."

"Nothin' doin'," replied the querulous black below. "You jist call this nigger when you sight land!"

WAR PRISONERS. The more we know of the treatment of war prisoners, the more shamefully does the treatment shown to our men by the enemy contrast with the lot of those of our enemies who have fallen into our hands. Thousands also will never come back from the camps in Germany and Turkey. Others will be needlessly crippled for life. The stories are terrible, and one cannot help feeling a sterner policy on the part of our Government could have produced better results. Of all the evil doing of the Hun this is going to leave the most indelible mark of shame.

So well are they treated here that I am assured that they don't want to go home. "Don't they ever try to escape?" asked a visitor of a camp officer the other day. "God bless you, no," was the reply. "They're far too comfortable to want to quit."

In their new dietary here, it is interesting to note, they have a ration of Chinese bacon far beyond civilian limits. A food expert was telling me about it the other day. The bacon was given to them, he said, because of the prejudicial things that had been said and written about Chinese bacon, with the result that the public would not buy it. "But the fact remains," he added, "that it is the best bacon in the country at this time, and because of this prejudice we are feeding the Huns on the best we have."

INFLUENZA. As I write, influenza and its accompanying pneumonia, are somewhat abating in this country, though the latest reports show that four parts of the world is now under the epidemic. Experts are quarrelling as to its cause and treatment, and everybody is doing himself with malodorous chemicals to ward off attack. Moreover, a fine excuse has been afforded to the war-tired to stay at home and rest for a day or two. But the scourge has swept most towns and villages with savage severity, and owing to the shortage of doctors the outbreak has been the cause of much suffering and loss. One result is that we are having a great revival of the demand for the establishment of a Ministry of Health, for the new era of peace calls for a nation kept at a maximum of fitness.

HAEMORRHOIDS. otherwise Piles are aggravated by constipation. In many cases when the constipation is dispelled by Pinkettes the Piles dry up and disappear.

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## POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic Communication with Wagon Lighthouse is interrupted since 7.55 p.m. Nov. 16.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Gernsey, Anetia, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No official letter addressed to A. Baden, Ahwas or Mohammadi in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt and in transit through Egypt and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Union, Victoria, Trieste, Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Edirne, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

SUNDAY, 22nd December. Japan via Nagasaki—Per NIKKO MARU, 22nd Dec. 8 a.m. Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou via Kelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 22nd Dec. 8 a.m. Swatow and Bangkok—Per DRUFAR, 22nd Dec. 8 a.m. Swatow, Shanghai and North China—Per PAOTING, 22nd Dec. 8 a.m. MONDAY, 23rd December. Haiphong—Per TUNGSHING, 23rd Dec. 5 p.m. Haiphong—Per CORNELIA, 23rd Dec. 5 p.m. Shanghai and North China—Per WING-SANG, 23rd Dec. 5 p.m. Ningpo, Shanghai and North China—Per HAI-SANG, 23rd Dec. 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 24th December. Shanghai and North China—Per SING-GAN, 24th Dec. 10 a.m. Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and Europe via Vancouver—Per MONTAGLE, 24th Dec. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.3 a.m. Swatow and Amoy—Per BAI HONG, 24th Dec. 1 p.m. Philippine Islands—Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, Europe via Canada—Per KASHIMA MARU, 24th Dec. Registration 5.00 p.m. Letters 5.00 a.m.

THURSDAY, 26th December. Shanghai and North China—Per SUNGANG, 26th Dec. 11 a.m. Philippine Islands—Japan via Moji, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and Europe via Canada—Per MEXICO MARU, 26th Dec. Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters noon.

FRIDAY, 27th December. Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou—Per HAITAN, 27th Dec. 1 p.m. Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 27th Dec. 5 p.m. SATURDAY, 28th December. Shanghai and North China—Per YINGGOW, 28th Dec. 2 p.m.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE CORONET (LATE BIJOU THEATRE) WILL REOPEN AFTER ENTIRE RECONSTRUCTION ON DECEMBER 24th at 4.30 & 9.15 p.m. WITH "JACK AND BEANSTALK" PRICES: — 1.00 & 60 cts. BOOKING AT ROBINSON'S ANY SEAT IN THE THEATRE MAY BE BOOKED.

HONGKONG THEATRE. 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th December. Showing: The Final Episodes of "THE MYSTERY SHIP" including Garotte & Ombles. MONDAY 23rd, Matinee at 5.15 p.m. by special request repeating "THE KISS." Paramount Feature in 5 parts, etc., etc.

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## ARRIVALS OF STEAMERS.

DECEMBER 20th. HELIOS, Norw., 560 tons, from Saigon, Capt. S. Olsen, Thoresen & Co., B9. PHEUMPHEN, Brit., 1,063 tons, from Haiphong, Capt. De la Sala, Wo. Fat Sing, B7. YAM KAM, Chi., 483 tons, from Haiphong, Capt. Laisen, Wo. Fat Co., C39. NISSIN MARU, Jap., 681 tons, from Keelung, Capt. S. Kato, B31. KEY WEST, Norw., 3,014 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. A. Jorgensen, C.F.O.S. Kowloon Dock. SAY NAM HUI, Chi., 427 tons, from West River, Fat Hing Co. wharf. PAOTING, Brit., 1,073 tons, from Swatow, Capt. Purdow, B. & S., West Point. TAIWAN MARU, Jap., 1,287 tons, from Singapore, Capt. J. Kasav, Ming Foo Co., B10. KANGO, Chi., 103 tons, from Hoilhan, Capt. A. Fernandez, Wai Hing Co., C23. URUSAN MARU, Brit., 1,729 tons, from Weihaiwei, Capt. T. Kemura, M.B.E., O16. NIKKO MARU, Jap., 3,078 tons, from Manila, Capt. Shimomura, N.Y.K. Kowloon wharf. WA SUN, Brit., 160 tons, from Kowloon-Tsuen-Wan and Miao, Capt. A. Broadbridge, Wang Hing Co., wharf.

## CLEARANCE.

NISSIN MARU, Jap., at 1 a.m. yesterday, for Kowloon, Fat Hing Co. GLENFALLOUGH, Brit., 2 p.m. yesterday, for Singapore via Amoy and Swatow, Sen S. Hong. YUEN-NANG, Brit., at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, for Manila, J.M. & Co. TAKATORU MARU, Jap., at 7 a.m. yesterday, for Yokohama, Y. Sato. PAOTING, Brit., 5 p.m. for Canton, B. & S. KALIFONG, Brit., 3 p.m. yesterday, for Shanghai, B. & S. SAPPORO MARU, Jap., at 7 a.m. yesterday, for Kowloon, Y.K.K. SEIWA MARU, Jap., at 7 a.m. yesterday, for Kobe, Messrs. Carroll Bros. YODO MARU, Jap., at 8 a.m. yesterday, for Saigon, Y. K. K.

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